

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 17, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and considered. Claims 17, 21-25, and 27-40 are currently pending and Claims 17, 24-28 and 32-38 have been allowed and Claims 21-23, 29-31, 39-40 stand rejected. The Applicants have cancelled Claims 21-23, 29-31 and 39-40. Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing Amendments and reconsideration of the present application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 21-23 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Martin et al. (US Patent No. 5,828,197), hereinafter referred to "Martin", in view of Lang et al. (US Patent No. 5,480,307), hereinafter referred to "Lang." The Applicants respectfully traverse. However, to expedite prosecution of the present application, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 21-23 and 30. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot.

Conclusion


Based on all of the above, Applicants believe all claims now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are believed to be due at this time. However, please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully examining the present application and if a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Suvashis Bhattacharya at (408) 282-1861.

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